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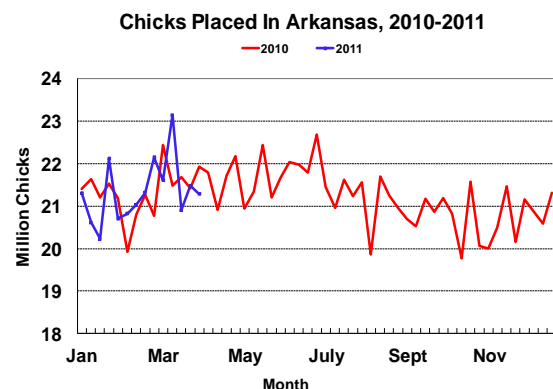
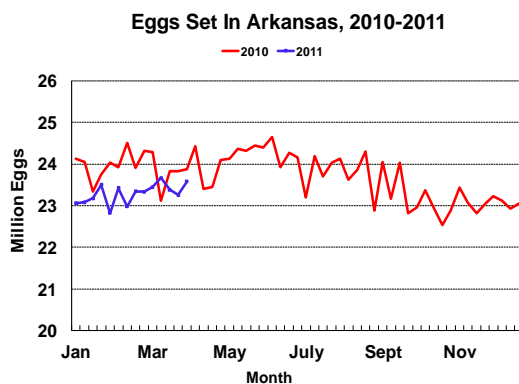


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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 3 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 21.3 million during the week ending April 2, 2011. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 2010 and down 1 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 23.6 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending April 2, 2011, down 1 percent from the same period last year but up 1 percent from the previous week.



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, March 5, 2011 - April 2, 2011

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	5-Mar	12-Mar	19-Mar	26-Mar	2-Apr	5-Mar	12-Mar	19-Mar	26-Mar	2-Apr
Alabama	30,027	29,908	30,414	31,125	30,578	21,177	21,441	20,592	21,440	20,770
Arkansas	23,447	23,670	23,384	23,253	23,582	21,612	23,147	20,908	21,478	21,286
Delaware	3,853	3,810	3,888	3,882	3,892	5,112	4,624	4,626	4,824	5,245
Florida	1,360	1,360	1,360	1,360	1,360	1,225	1,290	1,249	1,270	1,296
Georgia	33,447	33,291	33,153	32,819	33,876	28,329	28,770	28,305	27,603	28,206
Kentucky	7,788	7,721	7,834	7,861	7,848	5,854	6,635	6,416	6,706	5,741
Louisiana	3,440	3,409	3,440	3,471	3,288	3,081	2,997	3,036	3,227	3,028
Maryland	7,716	7,677	7,654	7,741	7,730	5,621	6,226	6,533	6,041	5,573
Mississippi	18,980	18,991	19,428	18,722	18,583	15,919	16,276	16,477	16,528	16,564
N. Carolina	19,586	19,790	20,377	20,276	19,995	15,799	16,277	15,819	15,782	15,454
Oklahoma	7,061	7,432	7,470	7,268	7,006	3,638	2,559	4,131	4,837	5,206
Pennsylvania	3,961	3,984	3,921	3,697	3,712	3,257	3,020	3,028	3,198	3,248
S. Carolina	5,566	5,660	5,439	5,746	5,613	4,050	4,010	4,010	4,916	4,991
Texas	15,728	15,347	15,202	15,012	15,526	11,778	12,343	12,989	13,152	13,004
Virginia	6,571	6,513	6,318	6,590	6,593	4,759	4,705	4,966	5,402	5,439
CA,MO,TN & WV	19,949	19,312	19,656	19,804	18,614	16,527	15,978	17,406	17,388	17,629
19 State Total	208,480	207,875	208,938	208,627	207,796	167,738	170,298	170,491	173,792	172,680
Prev. Year Total	206,494	205,506	207,381	205,353	204,597	169,058	170,165	169,930	169,163	168,526
% of Prev. Year	101	101	101	102	102	99	100	100	103	102

Revisions made to the previous five-week's data during the current week are published in this report.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 2, 2011. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 2, 2011. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through April 2, 2011 were 2.20 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.